2009 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer

The Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act
For the Calendar Year 2009

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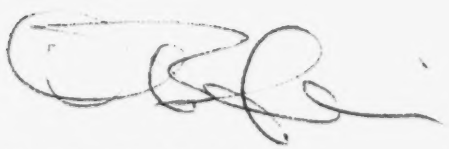
Dear Mr. Mitzel:

It is an honour to submit to the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices through you, Mr. Chairman, Elections Alberta's 2009 Annual Report on the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

This Report is submitted pursuant to Section 4(2) of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter E-2. The Report includes this Office's financial statements as at March 31, 2010.

Should you require clarification or additional information, I would be pleased to respond.

Sincerely,



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Chief Electoral Officer

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Message from the Chief Electoral Officer

On December 9, 2009, I had the honor to be appointed Alberta's Chief Electoral Officer. During the year prior to my appointment, Lori McKee-Jeske was the Acting Chief Electoral Officer and I very much appreciate all the leadership she provided for this Office, which is clearly evidenced by the work done and positive working relationships maintained with various stakeholders.

This 2009 report covers a broad range of activities. It includes annual financial reporting by registered constituency associations and registered political parties, as well as campaign period financial reporting by registered candidates and registered political parties for the Calgary-Glenmore By-election. Additional details of the financial activities included in this report are available in the Public Files at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer and online at www.elections.ab.ca to ensure disclosure of political entities' financial activities, in accordance with the legislation and our commitment to public access.

Our efforts in 2009 have focused on resolving outstanding financial matters related to the 2008 General Election, administering the Calgary-Glenmore By-election, and working towards election preparedness.

New initiatives are introduced on an ongoing basis, and I am pleased that we are taking significant steps forward to ensure financial accountability and effective reporting for public disclosure purposes. These will be achieved, in part, through enhancements to our forms and guides and through support to our stakeholders. We look forward to working with our partners and to serving the people of Alberta.

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Section One – The Calendar Year 2009

Overview

The following are some of the major activities and events that occurred during the calendar year:

- Six candidates registered under the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act (the Act)* for the September 14, 2009, Calgary-Glenmore By-election.
- All candidates met their filing requirements by the due date of January 14, 2010.
- Audited campaign financial statements for the 2009 By-election were received from five registered parties by the due date of March 14, 2010.
- A separate report on the September 14, 2009 Calgary-Glenmore By-election provides detailed information on the election results.
- 342 registered constituency associations were included in the Register of Constituency Associations as of December 31, 2009.
- 334 registered constituency associations met their filing requirements by the due date of March 31, 2010. The other eight filed their financial statements after the due date.
- Annual financial statements for the calendar year 2009 were received from eight registered parties by the due date of March 31, 2010.
- The Alberta Greens did not file an audited financial statement for the 2008 year in accordance with Section 42 of *the Act* and subsequently the party and all of their registered constituency associations were deregistered in accordance with Sections 10(1) and 10(3) of *the Act*. Deregistration was effective July 16, 2009.

Registration Data

Political Parties

As at December 31, 2009, there were eight political parties included in the Register of Political Parties maintained by Elections Alberta in accordance with Section 7(1) of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* (*the Act*). Registration information concerning these eight registered parties follows:

Name (Abbreviation)	Date Registered	President	Chief Financial Officer
Alberta Liberal Party (LIB)	February 3, 1978	Tony Sansotta	Mike McNeil
Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)	January 3, 1978	Nancy Furlong	Sandra Houston
Alberta Party (AP)	October 30, 1990	Charles Relland	Fred Schorning
Alberta Social Credit Party (SC)	January 6, 1978	Earl Solberg	Gordon Barrett
Communist Party - Alberta (CP-A)	January 31, 1979	Naomi Rankin	Blyth Nuttal
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta (PC)	January 3, 1978	Bill Smith	Ron Renaud
Separation Party of Alberta (SPA)	November 2, 1999	Mike Bennison	Judy Hutton
Wildrose Alliance Party (WAP)	October 25, 2002	Jeff Callaway	Jane Morgan

Reserved Political Party Names

This Office held a file of four reserved political party names as of December 31, 2009. The applicants have indicated that they propose to form a registered political party in accordance with the provisions of *the Act*. The current status of their progress is uncertain. However, they have been advised that one of the primary requirements for registration is the completion of a petition under Section 6(2)(d) of *the Act*. The petition must contain a minimum of 7,050 signatures of eligible electors, which represents 0.3% of the number of electors eligible to vote at the 2008 General Election.

Constituency Association Registrations

During the 2009 calendar year, two applications for registration were approved.

Alberta Party
Edmonton-Centre
Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

Constituency Associations Deregistration

During the 2009 calendar year, 15 constituency associations were deregistered.

Alberta Greens
Calgary-Elbow
Calgary-North Hill
Edmonton-Mill Creek
Edmonton-Strathcona
Edmonton-Whitemud
Drayton Valley-Calmar
Drumheller-Stettler
Lacombe-Ponoka

Alberta Party
Airdrie-Chestermere
Drumheller-Stettler

Alberta Social Credit Party
Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview
Drumheller-Stettler

Separation Party of Alberta
Lethbridge-East
Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills
Red Deer-South

Constituency Associations Re-registration

During the 2009 calendar year, one previously deregistered constituency association was re-registered.

Wildrose Alliance Party
Drumheller-Stettler

Summary of Constituency Association Registrations

At December 31, 2009, there were 342 registered constituency associations. The chart below outlines the number per party and a chart showing the status, by electoral division, is presented on pages 12 and 13.

LIB	NDP	AP	SC	CP-A	PC	SPA	WAP	TOTAL
83	83	3	5	0	83	2	83	342

Financial Statements

In accordance with Section 42 of *the Act*, political parties and constituency associations registered prior to September 1, 2009 were required to file annual financial statements for 2009 with this Office on or before March 31, 2010. The following represents the number, monetary amount, and category of contributions received by registered political parties and registered constituency associations in the 2009 calendar year as represented by the contribution receipts issued. Figures in this report are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Political Parties - 2009 Annual Financial Statements

Eight political parties were registered with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer as of December 31, 2009, and all were required to submit an audited 2009 Political Party Annual Financial Statement by March 31, 2010. All of the eight registered parties filed by the due date.

The eight registered parties are as follows:

Alberta Liberal Party
Alberta New Democratic Party
Alberta Party
Alberta Social Credit Party
Communist Party - Alberta
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta
Separation Party of Alberta
Wildrose Alliance Party

In accordance with Section 6(6) of *the Act*, political parties that maintain a foundation are also required to file an annual report of the expenditures of that foundation. As at December 31, 2009, only the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta maintained a foundation and it reported expenditures of $26,659.

The Act permits registered political parties to maintain continuous annual financial activities between Senatorial Selection Campaigns. Registered parties may accept annual contributions, within prescribed limits, and expend funds for Senatorial Selection purposes.

The two registered parties (the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta and the Wildrose Alliance Party, formerly the Alberta Alliance Party) that nominated candidates for the 2004 Senate Nominee Election reported no financial activity in the 2009 calendar year.

Political Party Contributions

Alberta Liberal Party

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
2,301	contributions from individuals	$ 224,576	$ 98
148	contributions from corporations	$ 16,224	$ 110
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
808	contributions from individuals	$ 337,803	$ 418
79	contributions from corporations	$ 114,945	$ 1,455
3	contributions from trade unions	$ 900	$ 300
	Total	$ 694,448	

Alberta New Democratic Party

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
2,296	contributions from individuals	$ 292,865	$ 128
11	contributions from corporations	$ 2,011	$ 183
12	contributions from trade unions	$ 2,040	$ 170
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
352	contributions from individuals	$ 235,556	$ 669
6	contributions from corporations	$ 11,495	$ 1,916
11	contributions from trade unions	$ 20,050	$ 1,823
	Total	$ 564,017	

Alberta Party

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
21	contributions from individuals	$ 1,698	$ 81
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
14	contributions from individuals	$ 7,949	$ 568
	Total	$ 9,647	

Alberta Social Credit Party

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
37	contributions from individuals	$ 3,130	$ 85
1	contribution from a corporation	$ 300	$ 300
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
11	contributions from individuals	$ 17,400	$ 1,582
1	contribution from a corporation	$ 1,500	$ 1,500
	Total	$ 22,330	

Communist Party – Alberta

No contributions were reported

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
2,370	contributions from individuals	$ 208,136	$ 88
381	contributions from corporations	$ 55,890	$ 147
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
837	contributions from individuals	$ 622,037	$ 743
816	contributions from corporations	$ 1,493,528	$ 1,830
	Total	$ 2,379,591	

Separation Party of Alberta

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
2	contributions from individuals	$ 45	$ 23
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
5	contributions from individuals	$ 5,729	$ 1,146
1	contribution from a corporation	1,020	1,020
	Total	$ 6,794	

Wildrose Alliance Party

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
1,311	contributions from individuals	$ 146,484	$ 112
32	contributions from corporations	$ 4,760	$ 149
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
200	contributions from individuals	$ 216,793	$ 1,084
22	contributions from corporations	$ 60,275	$ 2,740
	Total	$ 428,312	

Total / Average Contributions to All Parties

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
8,338	contributions from individuals	$ 876,934	$ 105
573	contributions from corporations	$ 79,185	$ 138
12	contributions from trade unions	$ 2,040	$ 170
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
2,227	contributions from individuals	$ 1,443,267	$ 648
925	contributions from corporations	$ 1,682,763	$ 1,819
14	contributions from trade unions	$ 20,950	$ 1,496
	Total	$ 4,105,139	

Summary of 2009 Annual Financial Statements
Registered Political Parties

Registered Political Parties	Amounts to $375.00	Amounts of $375.01 and greater	Other Revenue	Total Annual Revenue	Funds Transferred	Annual Expenses	Total Annual Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
AP	1,698	7,949	2,007	11,654	Nil	17,664	17,664	(6,010)
CP-A	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	62	62	(62)
LIB	240,800	453,648	74,410	768,858	111,199	338,599	449,798	319,060
NDP	296,916	267,101	111,936	675,953	87,758	636,123	723,881	(47,928)
PC	264,026	2,115,565	405,260	2,784,851	Nil	2,351,972	2,351,972	432,879
SC	3,430	18,900	2,231	24,561	Nil	25,669	25,669	(1,108)
SPA	45	6,749	454	7,248	Nil	7,435	7,435	(187)
WAP	151,244	277,068	268,754	697,066	91,144	389,363	480,507	216,559

For detailed information, reference the Elections Alberta website at www.elections.ab.ca.

Constituency Associations – 2009 Annual Financial Statements

Of the 342 registered constituency associations:

- 334 constituency associations filed their financial statements by the due date of March 31, 2010; and
- Eight constituency associations filed their financial statements after the due date.

Constituency Association Contributions

The policy regarding the acceptance of contributions by constituency associations differs between parties. The following information reflects these policies during the 2009 calendar year.

Alberta Liberal Party
Registered constituency associations were not authorized to accept contributions.
All contributions were accepted at the party level.

Alberta New Democratic Party
Registered constituency associations were not authorized to accept contributions.
All contributions were accepted at the party level.

Alberta Party
Registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.
No contributions were received.

Alberta Social Credit Party
Registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.

One of the five registered constituency associations reported receiving contributions:

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
2	contributions from individuals	$ 2,000	$ 1,000
1	contribution from a corporation	$ 1,000	$ 1,000
	Total	$ 3,000	

Communist Party - Alberta
The Communist Party had no constituency associations registered in the 2009 calendar year.

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta
Registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.

Seventy-six of the eighty-three registered constituency associations reported receiving contributions:

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
4,427	contributions from individuals	$ 493,130	$ 111
1,007	contributions from corporations	$ 165,622	$ 164
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
744	contributions from individuals	$ 383,359	$ 515
661	contributions from corporations	$ 388,555	$ 588
	Total	$ 1,430,666	

Separation Party of Alberta
Registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.
No contributions were received.

Wildrose Alliance Party
Registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.

Sixteen of the eighty-three registered constituency associations reported receiving contributions:

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
72	contributions from individuals	$ 8,161	$ 113
7	contributions from corporations	$ 1,150	164
Amounts of $375.01 and greater			
21	contributions from individuals	$ 14,299	681
4	contributions from corporations	$ 3,400	850
	Total	$ 27,010	

Total / Average Contributions to All Constituency Associations

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
4,499	contributions from individuals	$ 501,291	$ 111
1,014	contributions from corporations	$ 166,772	$ 164
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
767	contributions from individuals	$ 399,658	$ 521
666	contributions from corporations	$ 392,955	$ 590
	Total	$ 1,460,676	

Total Combined Contributions to Political Parties and Constituency Associations

Total contributions received by registered parties and constituency associations during 2009 were:

	Party	Constituency Associations	Total
Alberta Liberal Party	$ 694,448	$ Nil	$ 694,448
Alberta New Democratic Party	$ 564,017	$ Nil	$ 564,017
Alberta Party	$ 9,647	$ Nil	$ 9,647
Alberta Social Credit Party	$ 22,330	$ 3,000	$ 25,330
Communist Party – Alberta	$ Nil	$ Nil	$ Nil
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	$ 2,379,591	$ 1,430,666	$ 3,810,257
Separation Party of Alberta	$ 6,794	$ Nil	$ 6,794
Wildrose Alliance Party	$ 428,312	$ 27,010	$ 455,322
Total	$ 4,105,139	$ 1,460,676	$ 5,565,815

Status of Registered Constituency Associations of Registered Political Parties as at December 31, 2009

("R" = registered, "-" = not registered, "X" = deregistered in reporting year)

	Constituency Association	AG	LIB	NDP	AP	SC	PC	SPA	WAP
01	Dunvegan-Central Peace	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
02	Calgary-Bow	-	R	R	-	R	R	-	R
03	Calgary-Buffalo	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
04	Calgary-Cross	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
05	Calgary-Currie	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
06	Calgary-East	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
07	Calgary-Egmont	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
08	Calgary-Elbow	X	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
09	Calgary-Fish Creek	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
10	Calgary-Foothills	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
11	Calgary-Fort	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
12	Calgary-Glenmore	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
13	Calgary-Hays	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
14	Calgary-Lougheed	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
15	Calgary-Mackay	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
16	Calgary-McCall	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
17	Calgary-Montrose	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
18	Calgary-Mountain View	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
19	Calgary-North Hill	X	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
20	Calgary-North West	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
21	Calgary-Nose Hill	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
22	Calgary-Shaw	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
23	Calgary-Varsity	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
24	Calgary-West	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
25	Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	-	R	R	-	X	R	-	R
26	Edmonton-Calder	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
27	Edmonton-Castle Downs	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
28	Edmonton-Centre	-	R	R	R	-	R	-	R
29	Edmonton-Decore	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
30	Edmonton-Ellerslie	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
31	Edmonton-Glenora	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
32	Edmonton-Gold Bar	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
33	Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood	-	R	R	R	-	R	-	R
34	Edmonton-Manning	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
35	Edmonton-McClung	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
36	Edmonton-Meadowlark	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
37	Edmonton-Mill Creek	X	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
38	Edmonton-Mill Woods	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
39	Edmonton-Riverview	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
40	Edmonton-Rutherford	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
41	Edmonton-Strathcona	X	R	R	-		R	-	R
42	Edmonton-Whitemud	X	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
43	Airdrie-Chestermere	-	R	R	X	-	R	-	R

Status of Registered Constituency Associations of Registered Political Parties as at December 31, 2009

("R" = registered, "-" = not registered, "X" = deregistered in reporting year)

	Constituency Association	AG	LIB	NDP	AP	SC	PC	SPA	WAP
44	Athabasca-Redwater	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
45	Banff-Cochrane	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
46	Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
47	Battle River-Wainwright	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
48	Bonnyville-Cold Lake	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
49	Cardston-Taber-Warner	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
50	Cypress-Medicine Hat	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
51	Drayton Valley-Calmar	X	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
52	Drumheller-Stettler	X	R	R	X	X	R	-	R
53	Foothills-Rocky View	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
54	Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
55	Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
56	Grande Prairie-Smoky	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
57	Grande Prairie-Wapiti	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
58	Highwood	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
59	Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	-	R	R	R	R	R	-	R
60	Lac La Biche-St. Paul	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
61	Lacombe-Ponoka	X	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
62	Leduc-Beaumont-Devon	-	R	R	-	R	R	-	R
63	Lesser Slave Lake	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
64	Lethbridge-East	-	R	R	-	-	R	X	R
65	Lethbridge-West	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
66	Little Bow	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
67	Livingstone-Macleod	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
68	Medicine Hat	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
69	Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	-	R	R	-	-	R	X	R
70	Peace River	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
71	Red Deer-North	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
72	Red Deer-South	-	R	R	-	-	R	X	R
73	Rocky Mountain House	-	R	R	-	-	R	R	R
74	Sherwood Park	-	R	R	-	R	R	-	R
75	Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
76	St. Albert	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
77	Stony Plain	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
78	Strathcona	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
79	Strathmore-Brooks	-	R	R	-	R	R	R	R
80	Vermilion-Lloydminster	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
81	West Yellowhead	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
82	Wetaskiwin-Camrose	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
83	Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	-	R	R	-	-	R	-	R
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Section Two - The 2009 Calgary-Glenmore By-Election

Overview

A by-election was held on September 14, 2009 in Calgary-Glenmore due to a vacancy created by the resignation of Ron Stevens on May 15, 2009.

The campaign period for the 2009 Calgary-Glenmore By-Election commenced with the issuance of the Writ of Election on August 17, 2009 and ended November 14, 2009, two months after polling day. Financial statements for the campaign period were required to be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer in accordance with Section 43 of *the Act*. Registered candidates were required to file a Candidate's Campaign Period Financial Statement by January 14, 2010, while the registered parties were required to file audited Political Party Campaign Period Financial Statements by March 15, 2010.

All registered parties and registered candidates that participated in the 2009 campaign filed their financial statements by the deadline.

Financial Statements

Political Parties – 2009 By-Election Campaign Period Financial Statements

Five registered political parties filed audited financial statements in accordance with Section 43 of *the Act*.

A summary of the 2009 By-Election Campaign Period Financial Statements for each registered party is presented on page 16.

The following represents the number, monetary amount, and category of contributions received by registered political parties and registered candidates in the 2009 campaign period represented by the contribution receipts issued. Figures in this report are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Political Parties – 2009 By-Election Campaign Period Contributions

Alberta Liberal Party

No contributions were reported.

Alberta New Democratic Party

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
44	contributions from individuals	$ 3,970	$ 90
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
1	contribution from an individual	$ 500	$ 500
1	contribution from a trade union	$ 1,000	$ 1,000
	Total	$ 5,470	

Alberta Social Credit Party

No contributions were reported.

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
1	contribution from an individual	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
6	contributions from corporations	$ 28,250	$ 4,708
	Total	$ 38,250	

Wildrose Alliance Party

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
68	contributions from individuals	$ 6,409	$ 94
1	contribution from a corporation	$ 105	$ 105
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
8	contributions from individuals	$ 4,800	$ 600
1	contribution from a corporation	$ 2,300	$ 2,300
	Total	$ 13,614	

Total / Average Contributions to All Parties

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
112	contributions from individuals	$ 10,379	$ 93
1	contribution from a corporation	$ 105	$ 105
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
10	contributions from individuals	$ 15,300	$ 1,530
7	contributions from corporations	$ 30,550	$ 4,364
1	contribution from a trade union	$ 1,000	$ 1,000
	Total	$ 57,334	

Summary of 2009 By-Election Campaign Period Financial Statements
Registered Political Parties

Registered Political Parties	Amounts to $375.00	Amounts of $375.01 and greater	Other Revenue	Total Campaign Revenue	Funds Transferred	Campaign Expenses	Total Campaign Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
LIB	Nil	Nil	7,716	7,716	Nil	7716	7,716	Nil
NDP	3,970	1,500	Nil	5,470	4,801	Nil	4,801	669
PC	Nil	38,250	Nil	38,250	Nil	Nil	Nil	38,250
SC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4,000	Nil	4,000	(4,000)
WAP	6,514	7,100	Nil	13,614	7,149	23,401	30,550	(16,936)

For detailed information, reference the Elections Alberta website at www.elections.ab.ca.

Candidates – 2009 By-Election Campaign Period Financial Statements

A summary of the Candidates' Campaign Period Financial Statements is presented on page 19. Six candidates registered in accordance with Section 9 of *the Act* and all candidates filed nomination papers with the Returning Officer and contested this election. All six registered candidates were required to file financial statements in accordance with Section 43 of *the Act*.

The following is a summary of candidates by party:

LIB	NDP	SC	PC	WAP	IND	TOTAL
1	1	1	1	1	1	6

Candidates – 2009 By-Election Campaign Period Contributions

Alberta Liberal Party

Candidate Avalon Roberts reported receiving contributions:

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
84	contributions from individuals	$ 12,074	$ 144
8	contributions from corporations	$ 1,300	$ 163
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
20	contributions from individuals	$ 12,406	$ 620
4	contributions from corporations	$ 5,000	$ 1,250
	Total	$ 30,780	

Alberta New Democratic Party

Candidate Eric Carpendale did not report any contributions.

Alberta Social Credit Party

Candidate Len Skowronski reported receiving contributions:

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
2	contributions from individuals	$ 462	$ 231
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
1	contribution from an individual	$ 600	$ 600
1	contribution from a corporation	$ 579	$ 579
	Total	$ 1,641	

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

Candidate Diane Colley-Urquhart reported receiving contributions:

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
42	contributions from individuals	$ 6,327	$ 151
10	contributions from corporations	$ 1,483	$ 148
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
7	contributions from individuals	$ 5,525	$ 789
8	contributions from corporations	$ 4,361	$ 545
	Total	$ 17,696	

Wildrose Alliance Party

Candidate Paul Hinman reported receiving contributions:

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
103	contributions from individuals	$ 9,523	$ 92
2	contributions from corporations	$ 205	$ 103
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
10	contributions from individuals	$ 6,800	$ 680
	Total	$ 16,528	

Independent Candidate

Antoni (Tony) Grochowski reported receiving a contribution:

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
1	contribution from an individual	$ 250	$ 250
	Total	$ 250	

Total / Average Contributions to All Candidates

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
232	contributions from individuals	$ 28,636	$ 123
20	contributions from corporations	$ 2,988	$ 149
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
38	contributions from individuals	$ 25,331	$ 667
13	contributions from corporations	$ 9,940	$ 765
	Total	$ 66,895	

Summary of 2009 By-Election Campaign Period Financial Statements Registered Candidates

Registered Candidate	Amounts to $375.00	Amounts of $375.01 and greater	Other Revenue	Total Campaign Revenue	Funds Transferred	Campaign Expenses	Total Campaign Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
Avalon Roberts LIB	13,374	17,406	4,990	35,770	1,410	34,360	35,770	Nil
Eric Carpendale NDP	Nil	Nil	4,801	4,801	250	4,551	4,801	Nil
Len Skowronski SC	462	1,179	4,000	5,641	Nil	5,641	5,641	Nil
Diane Colley-Urquhart PC	7,810	9,886	112,441	130,137	Nil	87,099	87,099	43,038
Paul Hinman WAP	9,728	6,800	34,308	50,836	Nil	48,111	48,111	2,725
Antoni (Tony) Grochowski IND	250	Nil	Nil	250	Nil	250	250	Nil
For detailed information, reference the Elections Alberta website at www.elections.ab.ca.								

Notes for Summaries of 2009 Financial Statements

1. Total Contributions include valued and cash/cheque contributions for which tax receipts have been issued.

2. Other Revenue includes transfer(s) received from other registered political organizations, fund-raising functions, other miscellaneous income, and the value of election materials received from either the registered party or constituency association(s).

3. Total Expenses includes expenses paid and unpaid, valued contributions, the value of election materials received from either the registered party or constituency association(s), and transfer(s) paid to other registered political organizations.

4. Financial data in the preceding table is based on current financial information at the time of publication. Minor inconsistencies may occur due to rounding to the nearest dollar.

Political Parties and Candidates
2009 By-Election Campaign Period Contribution Totals

The total campaign contributions received during the 2009 By-Election by registered parties and candidates were:

	Parties	Candidates	Total
Alberta Liberal Party	$ Nil	$ 30,780	$ 30,780
Alberta New Democratic Party	$ 5,470	$ Nil	$ 5,470
Alberta Social Credit Party	$ Nil	$ 1,641	$ 1,641
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	$ 38,250	$ 17,696	$ 55,946
Wildrose Alliance Party	$ 13,614	$ 16,528	$ 30,142
Independent	$ N/A	$ 250	$ 250
Total	$ 57,334	$ 66,895	$ 124,229

Section Three – General Information

Funds Held in Trust by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

On December 31, 2009, the Chief Electoral Officer held funds in trust for the Alberta Greens, in the amount of $1,735.27, as well as for the Alberta Greens Constituency Associations in the amount of $4,207.83. The registration for the Alberta Greens party and related constituency associations was cancelled effective July 16, 2009. Funds are held in trust in compliance with Section 10(12) of *the Act.*

Public Files

The Public Files contain information concerning political financing of registered political organizations in Alberta. The Public Files now contain data for thirty-three consecutive calendar years including nine general elections starting March 14, 1979, the nineteen by-elections held starting November 21, 1979 and three Senate Nominee elections held in 1989, 1998, and 2004.

All financial statements are contained in the Public Files maintained by this Office and are available for examination from 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Photocopies of data maintained in the Public Files are available at a rate prescribed under authority of Section 11 of *the Act.*

Reports published by the Chief Electoral Officer are available to the public at no cost and are also available on the Elections Alberta website: www.elections.ab.ca. Information from the 2004 General Election and forward is also available to the public on the web site under the Financial Disclosure tab.

Events of Interest since January 1, 2010

The following events have taken place between the end of the year and the date this report was published. Additional details will be provided in the 2010 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer.

A number of amendments have been made to the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* and the *Election Act* with the passage of Bill 7, the *Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (*the *ESA Act).*

Elections Alberta is currently integrating Bill 7's amendments into the forms, guides and other resources that will be provided to political parties, candidates and constituency associations. Upon completion, these resources will be available through our office and via our website (http://www.elections.ab.ca).

Highlights of the significant changes that will particularly affect political parties appear in the following chart. We have indicated the effective date of the amendment for those amendments which have not yet come into force.

Please note that the chart below provides a brief overview of some of the legislative amendments; however, it is important to review the laws governing elections and election finances in their entirety. The amendments that are now in force have been consolidated into the legislation available on the Queen's Printer website (http://www.qp.alberta.ca/Laws_Online.cfm) and through the Queen's Printer Bookstore.

The 2010 amendments to the legislation represent the most significant change to electoral administration since the legislation was rewritten 30 years ago. We are well underway in preparing for the implementation of these changes and appreciate this opportunity to enhance service to Albertans within the context of the statutory direction we have received.

ELECTION FINANCES AND CONTRIBUTIONS DISCLOSURE ACT				POLITICAL ENTITY		
ITEM NO.	PROVISION	IN FORCE	SECTION	PARTY	CA	CANDIDATE
1.	Where audited financial statements are required, the audit must be conducted by a person authorized by the *Regulated Accounting Profession Act*.	now	1(1)(a)	✓		
2.	Contributions are limited to money, real property or goods, or the use of real property or goods. Services, including volunteer services, are not deemed to be contributions, and therefore are not subject to contribution limits or eligible for a tax receipt.	now	1(1)(e)	✓	✓	✓
3.	Political party name changes must be approved by the Chief Electoral Officer.	now	7(3.1)	✓		
4.	Financial records must be kept for 3 years.	now	10.1	✓	✓	✓
5.	Surpluses must be managed in accordance with prudent investor rules under the *Trustee Act*.	now	12(1)			✓
6.	Funds contributed in breach of the legislation must be returned to the contributor.	now	51.1(1)	✓	✓	✓
7.	Chief financial officers who fail to comply with the requirements for filing financial statements may be prohibited from acting in that capacity for a period of up to 8 years.	next General Election	76 of the *ESA Act*	✓		✓
8.	All tax receipts for political contributions must be in the form provided by the Chief Electoral Officer.	Jan 1, 2011	79 of the *ESA Act*	✓	✓	✓
9.	Loan payments made by any person or organization are treated as contributions of that person or organization, unless they are repaid before the filing deadline.	next General Election	84 of the *ESA Act*	✓	✓	✓

ELECTION FINANCES AND CONTRIBUTIONS DISCLOSURE ACT				POLITICAL ENTITY		
10.	Audited financial statements are not required from political parties unless party revenue, party expenses, or both, exceed $1000.	Jan 1, 2011	85 of the *ESA Act*	✓		
11.	Annual financial statement reporting requirements have expanded to include revenue, expenses, assets, and liabilities.	Jan 1, 2011	85(a), 85(b) of the *ESA Act*	✓	✓	
12.	Campaign financial statement reporting requirements have expanded to include revenue, expenses, assets, and liabilities.	next General Election	86(b) of the *ESA Act*			✓
13.	Candidates who run a campaign deficit must retire that deficit and report on the manner by which it is retired. Candidates who do not retire a campaign deficit within three months after the due date of the financial statement (with a possibility of a 3 month extension) may be prohibited from running as a candidate for up to eight years.	next General Election	87 of the *ESA Act*			✓

Section Four – Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Financial Statements

On the following pages is a copy of the Audited Annual Financial Statements for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer for the year ended March 31, 2010.

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Financial Statements

Year Ended March 31, 2010

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT MARCH 31, 2010

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AUDITOR GENERAL *Alberta*

Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly

I have audited the statements of financial position of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer as at March 31, 2010 and 2009 and the statements of operations and cash flow for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Office's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audits.

I conducted my audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Office as at March 31, 2010 and 2009 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Merwan N. Saher CA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
July 14, 2010

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT MARCH 31

	2010	2009
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	$ 150	$ 150
Accounts Receivable	13,491	52
Inventory	389,832	333,107
	403,473	333,309
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 4)	1,231,471	1,499,027
	$ 1,634,944	$ 1,832,336
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 324,539	$ 925,125
Accrued vacation pay	163,011	137,107
	487,550	1,062,232
Net Assets		
Net Assets (Liabilities) at Beginning of Year	770,104	(1,670,943)
Net Operating Results	(3,802,399)	(4,006,649)
Net Financing Provided from General Revenues	4,179,689	6,447,696
Net Assets at End of Year	1,147,394	770,104
	$ 1,634,944	$ 1,832,336

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

	2010		2009
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Revenues:			
Other Revenue		$ 21,101	$ 55,393
Expenses (Schedules 1 & 3):			
Voted:			
Election office	$ 4,186,000	3,611,960	3,283,478
Elections	465,000	185,636	735,808
	$ 4,651,000	3,797,596	4,019,286
Statutory:			
Valuation adjustment			
Provision for Vacation Pay		25,904	42,756
		3,823,500	4,062,042
Net Operating Results		$ (3,802,399)	$ (4,006,649)

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

	2010	2009
Operating transactions:		
Net operating results	$ (3,802,399)	$ (4,006,649)
Add non-cash charges		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	523,198	343,834
	(3,279,201)	(3,662,815)
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable	(13,439)	1,148
(Increase) in inventory	(56,725)	(72,645)
(Decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(600,586)	(1,530,215)
Increase in accrued vacation pay	25,904	42,756
Cash Applied to Operating Transactions	(3,924,047)	(5,221,771)
Capital transactions:		
Purchase of capital assets	(460,172)	(1,225,925)
Tangible Capital Assets transferred to other Government agencies	204,530	-
Cash Applied to Capital Transactions	(255,642)	(1,225,925)
Financing transactions:		
Net transfer from general revenues	4,179,689	(6,447,696)
Net cash used	-	-
Cash, beginning of year	150	150
Cash, end of year	$ 150	$ 150

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 Authority

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (the "Office") is operated under the authority of the *Election Act*, the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. The net cost of the operations of the Office is borne by the General Revenue Fund of the Province of Alberta. Annual operating budgets are reviewed by the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices.

Note 2 Purpose

The Chief Electoral Officer provides administrative, logistic and financial support for general and special enumerations, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and elections in support of the *Senatorial Selection Act*. The Chief Electoral Officer monitors and records the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations and candidates to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

Note 3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

These financial statements are prepared primarily in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for the public sector as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, for which the Chief Electoral Officer is responsible.

The Office operates within the General Revenue Fund (the "Fund"). The Fund is administered by the Minister of Finance and Enterprise. All receipts of the Office are deposited into the Fund and all disbursements made by the Office are paid from the Fund.

Note 3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenues
All revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.

Expenses
Expenses represent the costs of resources consumed during the year on the Office's operations.

Pension costs included in these statements comprise the cost of employer contributions for current service of employees during the year.

Assets
Financial assets of the Office are limited to financial claims such as advances to and accounts receivables from other organizations, employees and other individuals.

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

Tangible capital assets of the Office are recorded at historical cost. The threshold for capitalizing capital assets is $5,000. Amortization is calculated on a straight-line basis, over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Computer hardware and software	3 years
Warehouse Equipment	10 years
Furniture and other office equipment	10 years
Election assets	20% each general election

In the year of addition and disposal, amortization is one-half of the prescribed amount.

Liabilities
Liabilities represent all financial claims payable by the Office at fiscal year end.

Net Assets/ Net Liabilities
Net assets/liabilities represent the difference between the value of assets held by the Office and its liabilities.

Note 3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair value of cash, accounts receivable and advances, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values.

Valuation Adjustment

Valuation adjustments reflect amounts excluded from expenses for government budgetary purposes and include changes in the valuation allowances used to reflect assets and liabilities at their appropriate value.

Note 4 Tangible Capital Assets

	2010			2009
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Computer hardware and software	$2,928,621	$ 1,771,525	$ 1,157,096	$ 1,426,371
Warehouse equipment	13,400	13,400	-	-
Furniture and other office equipment	139,827	79,167	60,660	58,941
Election assets	142,434	128,719	13,715	13,715
	$3,224,282	$ 1,992,811	$ 1,231,471	$ 1,499,027

Note 5 Defined Benefit Plans

The Office participates in the multi-employer pension plans: Management Employees Pension Plan and Public Service Pension Plan. The Office also participates in the multi-employer Supplementary Retirement Plan for Public Service Managers. The expense for these pension plans is equivalent to the annual contribution of $155,640 for the year ended March 31, 2010 (2009 - $101,747).

At December 31, 2009, the Management Employees Pension Plan reported a deficiency of $483,199,000 (2008 - $568,574,000) and the Public Service Pension Plan reported a deficiency of $1,729,000 (2008 - $1,187,538,000). At December 31, 2009, the Supplementary Retirement Plan for Public Service Managers had a deficiency of $39,516,000 (2008 - $7,111,000).

The Office also participates in two multi-employer Long Term Disability Income Continuance Plans. At March 31, 2010, the Bargaining Unit Plan reported an actuarial deficiency of $8,335,000 (2009 - $33,540,000) and the Management, Opted Out and Excluded Plan an actuarial surplus of $7,431,000 (2009 - deficiency of $1,051,000). The expense for these two plans is limited to the employer's annual contributions for the year.

Note 6 Budget

The budget shown on the statement of operations is based on the budgeted expenses presented to the Legislative Assembly on April 7, 2009. The following table compares the Office's actual expenditures to the voted budget.

	2009-2010 Voted Budget	2009-2010 Actual	Unexpended
Voted operating expenses	$ 4,651,000	$ 3,797,596	$ 853,404
Voted equipment purchases	300,000	255,642	44,358
Total	$ 4,951,000	$ 4,053,238	$ 897,762

Note 7 Related Party Transactions

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on the modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements. The Office transferred tangible capital assets to related parties in 2010 in the amount of $204,530 (2009 - $0).

Note 8 Approval of Financial Statements

These financial statements were approved by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Schedule 1

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSE DETAILED BY OBJECT

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

	2010		2009
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Voted:			
Salaries, wages and employee benefits		$ 2,014,718	$ 1,738,437
Supplies and services		1,782,878	2,280,849
Total voted operating expenses	$ 4,651,000	3,797,596	4,019,286
Statutory:			
Valuation adjustment:			
Provision for Vacation Pay		25,904	42,756
Total expenses		$ 3,823,500	$ 4,062,042

Schedule 2

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

SALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

	2010				2009
	Base Salary (1)	Other Cash Benefits (2)	Other Non-cash Benefits (3)	Total	Total
CURRENT EXECUTIVES					
Senior official					
Chief Electoral Officer [4]	$ 47,693	$ -	$ 4,280	$ 51,973	$ 224,768
Executive					
Deputy Chief Electoral Officer	$ 137,541	$ -	$ 33,704	$ 171,245	$ 159,455

(1) Base salary includes regular base pay.

(2) Other cash benefits include vacation payments, lump sum payments, and monthly payments in lieu of employee participating in the Management Employees Pension Plan.

(3) Other non-cash benefits include the office's share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments made on behalf of employees including pensions, health care, dental coverage, group life insurance, short and long term disability plans, professional memberships and tuition.

(4) Chief Electoral Officer hired on December 9, 2009.

Schedule 3

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

SCHEDULE OF ALLOCATED COSTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

	2010					2009
		Expenses - Incurred by Others		Valuation Adjustment		
Program	Expenses[1]	Accommodation Costs[2]	Legal Costs	Accrued[3] Vacation Pay	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Operations	$ 3,797,596	$ 541,918	$ -	$ 25,904	$ 4,365,418	$ 4,299,061

(1) Expenses - Directly incurred as per Statement of Operations, excluding valuation adjustment.

(2) Costs shown for Accomodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) is allocated by square footage.

(3) Valuation adjustment as per Statements of Operations. Employee benefits provision were allocated by employee

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